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SUBJ: THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PERUVIAN MINISTER OF  
FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. MINISTER DE LA FLOR MET WITH THE SECRETARY AT THE  
DEPARTMENT LATE AFTERNOON MAY 10. HIS PRIMARY CONCERN  
WAS TO DETERMINE THE SECRETARY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD QUOTE  
SOLVING THE CUBAN PROBLEM WITHIN THE OAS END OF QUOTE.  
DE LA FLOR SAID PERU SOUGHT LEGAL  
SOLUTION, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
VOTING FROM TWO THIRDS DOWN TO A SIMPLE MAJORITY. HE  
SUGGESTED THAT OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO FREE INDIVIDUAL  
COUNTRIES TO PURSUE POLICY OF THIER CHOICE TOWARD CUBA.

2. SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT BASIC IDEA WAS CONSTRUCTIVE.  
HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT US WOULD PREFER TO HAVE SPECIAL  
MEETING TO DEAL WITH ALL OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN RIO  
TREATY, 6 WEEKS OR 2 MONTHS FROM NOW. AT THAT MEETING THE  
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US COULD SUPPORT A RESOLUTION LEAVING EACH NATION FREE TO

HAVE CUBAN RELATIONS-OR NOT.

3. THE SECRETARY INFORMED DE LA FLOR THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO VISIT LIMA IN AUGUST, PROBABLY BEFORE THE NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE (AUGUST 25-29), ADDING IN JEST SO THAT HE COULD SEE THE ANTI-IMPERIALISM BANNERS.

CLEARLY PLEASED BY THE SECRETARY'S SUGGESTED TRAVEL PLANS, DE LA FLOR REPLIED THAT SECRETARY COULD BE ASSURED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SUCH BANNERS IN LIMA BEFORE OR DURING CONFERENCE.

4. TURNING TO SUBJECT OF EMERGING NON-ALIGNED BLOC, SECRETARY NOTED HIS CONCERN THAT NON-ALIGNED NATIONS SEEMED TO BE FORMING MORE RIGID BLOC THAN ALIGNED NATIONS HAD FORMED AND STRESSED THAT HE WAS DISTRESSED BY THE GROWING RHETORIC OF CONFRONTATION. IF THERE WERE TO BE CONFRONTATION, HE SAID, IT WOULD BE AN UNMITIGATED DISASTER, BUT THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD WIN SUCH A CONFRONTATION. HE SAID THAT WHILE HE FELT SURE THAT DCS WOULD HAVE ENOUGH SELF-CONTROL TO AVOID CONFRONTATION, HE WAS NOT AS SURE THAT LDCS WOULD EXERCISE SIMILAR SELF-CONTROL. HE TOLD DE LA FLOR QUOTE AS A FRIEND END OF QUOTE THAT WHEN WE SAW THE DECLARATION OF HAVANA HE REALIZED WE COULD NOT COOPERATE WITH IT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. HE SAID WHAT WE SEEK IS COOPERATION NOT CONFRONTATION.

5. THE SECRETARY THEN PROTESTED EXALTED TONE OF THE GOP PRAISE OF COMMUNIST VICTORY IN VIETNAM WHICH HE REFLECTED WAS A PAINFUL MOMENT FOR THE US. DE LA FLOR SAID THE GOP WAS SURPRISED AT US REACTION AND NOTED THAT GOP SUPPORTED VIETNAMESE QUOTE LIBERATION END OF QUOTE AFTER 30 YEARS OF FIGHTING BUT GOP DID NOT SUPPORT THE COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY.

6. EARLIER IN CONVERSATION SECRETARY STATED HIS CONCERN OVER ANTI-US TONE OF PERUVIAN PRESS AND RECURRING ALLEGATIONS THAT US AND CIA WERE INTERFERING IN PERUVIAN AFFAIRS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE US WAS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE GOP.

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7. AT CLOSE OF MEETING, DE LA FLOR PASSED ON REQUEST THAT TERM OF AID LOAN FOR MARKETING ASSISTANCE BE EXTENDED FOR SIXTY DAYS. THE SECRETARY ASSURED HIM THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT THIS IF CONGRESS WOULD GO ALONG WITH DEPARTMENT.

8. MEETING WAS RELAXED AND FRIENDLY. AMBASSAORS ARCE AND MARCHAND AND OSCAR FAURA ACCOMPANIED DE LA FLOR.

PERUVIANS WERE CLEARLY PLEASED WITH SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS  
RE CUBAN AND TRAVEL PLANS. ON DEPARTURE THEY TOLD  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS THAT MEETING HAD BEEN VERY  
CONSTRUCTIVE. KISSINGER

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